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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
ASTRID HEINZMANN, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: 10/517,192 :  
FILED: DECEMBER 7, 2004 :  
FOR: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION :  
OF A MONOLITHIC MULTILAYER :  
ACTUATOR, MONOLITHIC :  
MULTILAYER ACTUATOR MADE :  
OF A PIEZOCERAMIC OR :  
ELECTROSTRRICTIVE MATERIAL, :  
AND EXTERNAL ELECTRICAL :  
CONTACT FOR A MONOLITHIC :  
MULTILAYER ACTUATOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.